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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of 3 sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>			

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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-17 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
 nos. 1-8, 11-30 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19 29.09.2004 with letter
 nos.* 9, 10 received by this Authority on of 21.09.2004
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 sheets 1/5, 3/5-5/5 as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* 2/5 received by this Authority on 29.09.2004 with letter
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-30	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-30	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-30	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE 199 27 555 A (KOENIG & BAUER AG), 21 December 2000
(2000-12-21)

1. Independent claim 1

1.1 Document D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art, discloses the following (the references in parentheses are to D1) in the words of claim 1:

A printing unit in a rotary printing press having a first cylinder (1) and a second cylinder with a compressible surface (blanket cylinder 2), with bearer rings that co-operate in an impression "ON" position (figure 2), a radius (rs1) of the bearer ring associated with the first cylinder (1) being greater than a radius (rs2) of the bearer ring associated with the second cylinder (2) (column 1, lines 28 to 29).

1.2 The problem addressed by the present invention can thus be seen as that of how to increase the service

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life of the drives (for example, by reducing the overload on the motors) and make the conveyance behaviour more reliable.

1.3 There is nothing in the prior art that might suggest to a person skilled in the art the proposed solution, according to which the effective radius of the barrel portion of the first cylinder is greater than the radius of its bearer ring. Claim 1 therefore appears to be inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

2. Independent claims 2 and 9

The subject matter of claims 2 and 9 is the same as that of claim 1, and therefore the comments made above also apply. Claims 2 and 9 appear to be inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

3. Dependent claims 3-8 and 10-30

Since independent claims 1, 2 and 9 appear to be novel and inventive, dependent claims 3 to 8 and 10 to 30 (which refer back to independent claims 1, 2 and 9) are clearly also inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).